

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. B-4716

1. Name

Historic 1000-1038 North Castle Street
and / common

2. Location

street & number 1000-1038 North Castle Street
city, town Baltimore
state & zip code Maryland 21205 county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	X occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
X building(s)	X private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	X yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name
street & number telephone
city, town state & zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Land Records liber
street & number Clarence Mitchell Courthouse folio
city, town Baltimore State Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title
date federal state county local
depository for survey records
city, town state & zip code

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7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check One

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check One

☒ original site
☐ moved:
date of move:

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists

This row of nineteen two-story, two-bay wide late Italianate-style brick houses with shed roofs and sheet metal cornices were built in 1898 by August Weber, a prolific builder of working class houses in East Baltimore, at the same time he built the similar row across the street. Only a few of the houses retain their original brick facades, which were originally painted a dark red, with the basement area painted white to imitate the marble basements of more expensive houses. The remainder of the houses have been formstoned. After the use of wood was outlawed for cornices in 1892, sheet metal became the predominant material used, but in the 1890s the sheet metal cornices most often copied the popular wooden late Italianate-style cornices of the 1880s. An original corner storefront remains at 1038 North Chapel St.

The houses are two stories in height, 11'10" wide (12'5" for the two end houses), and occupy lots 113' deep. Each house is three small rooms deep and there is no backbuilding. The houses are constructed in running bond and were originally painted. The basement area was originally painted white to imitate the marble found in more expensive houses. Each house has a single hooded chimney located near the front and rear of the house. The shed roof is capped by a sheet metal cornice consisting of a crown molding, decorated with a row of dentils, supported by three long brackets decorated with grooves that connect to a lower molding strip and end with a distinct trefoil pattern.

The door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels, with plain tympanums. A few original 2/2 sash remain and the sills are wood. The doorway transom was originally stained glass, framed by a quarter-round molding set above a scalloped band. No original doors remain and many of the openings have been boarded over. The houses sit on fairly low basements lit by a single-light sash. Each front door is reached by three concrete steps.

The storefront at 1038 North Castle St. has a wide, cantilevered shop window (now boarded over) that occupies the entire space adjoining the entryway. The storefront has a simple wooden cornice set beneath a sheet metal crown molding, with four decorative small scroll-sawn brackets mounted against a plain frieze area.

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8. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other: specil

Specific dates 1898

Builder/Architect August Weber

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This group of houses is also significant in that it represents the level of architectural stylishness achieved by many builders of small street houses in the late nineteenth century. The houses were built by August Weber, a local builder, according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's working class neighborhoods of the period c. 1880 to 1910. Recognizing that workers held different levels of jobs (and pay), builders created a hierarchy of house sizes (and prices) in the new neighborhoods going up to serve the expanding factory districts ringing the harbor and northeast of the central city. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide two-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks. Typically, in this period, main street houses might sell for \$1,200 - \$1,500; small street houses for \$700 - \$900.

In this particular case Weber developed both sides of North Castle St. but another builder, Ephraim Macht was responsible for the main street houses. Weber sold some houses to Bohemian owner-occupants and others to two different Bohemian community building and loans--the Bohemian Permanent Building and Savings Association, "Slovanstro," and the Bohemian Workingman's building Association #2—who then both rented and sold houses. Many of the occupants followed the occupation of tailor, a major form of employment for recent immigrants, and received mortgages from the several Bohemian community building and loans.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse*
(New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

10. Geographic Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

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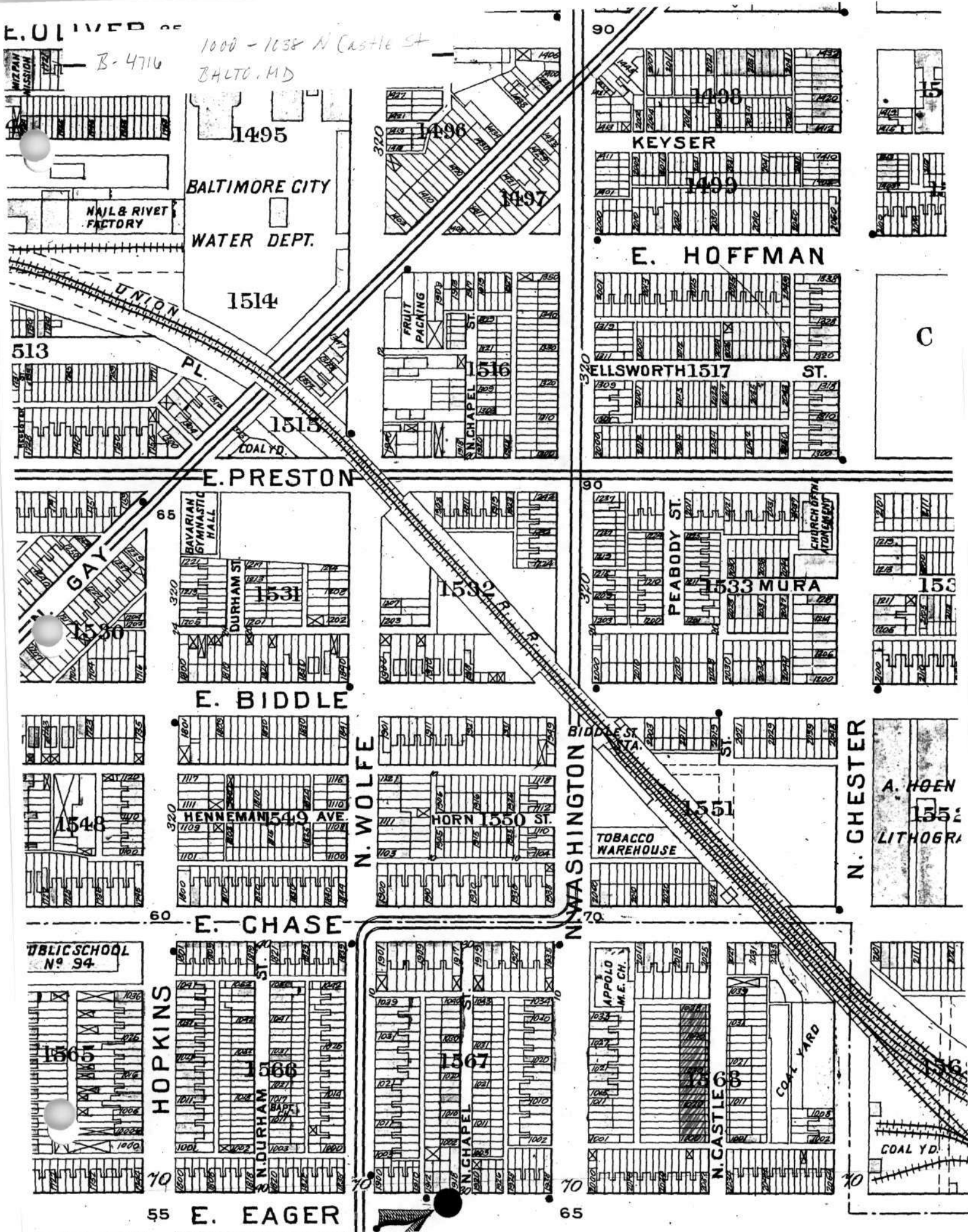
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